

Preparedness at a Glance

November 1, 2013

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The purpose of this rotating list of the upcoming deliverables is to serve as a reminder of the tasks local health departments need to complete. Since many of the deliverables are due by the end of the fiscal year – June 30, 2014, our goal is to encourage LHDs to develop a plan on how you will work on the deliverables throughout the year.

Core Deliverables

• Joint Meetings

- Participate in Joint Meetings, Conference and ITVs.
- The next Joint Face to Face meeting will be held in Frankfort on **November 13, 8:30 – 4:30 ET.**

• Planning

- Update Critical Infrastructure Personnel Numbers and upload into Catalyst by **December 31, 2013**

• Inventory

- LHDs shall inventory PHEP/HPP purchased assets, inventory shall include assets valued over \$500 or pilferable items. Due semiannually by December 31, 2013. Excel file should be uploaded in Catalyst by the due date.

• Exercises

- LHD will design, conduct, participate and evaluate exercises (including drills) in accordance with HSEEP and KDPH guidelines. Due date June 30, 2014

MRC Deliverables

• Medical Reserve Corps Tasks

- Update the MRC unit's information and activities on the DCV/MRC website quarterly. Second quarter update due December 31, 2013. Contact: Heather.Walls@ky.gov for more information.

CRI Deliverables

• CRI Tasks

- LHD in the CRI jurisdiction will provide their SNS plan along with support plans and documentation to the KDPH CRI Coordinator **completed by 3/31/14**

HPP Deliverables

- Regional Response Plans
 - Submit updated regional response plans **NLT Dec. 30, 2013**

Deliverable documentation must be uploaded or updated in Catalyst unless otherwise designated

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Deliverable Highlight – Mass Fatality

LHDs will define their role in a mass fatality event. To meet this deliverable each LHD will work with the regional HPCs, including the local coroners to define the LHD role in a mass fatality event. Regional HPC Mass Fatality Plans should be uploaded into Catalyst by March 31, 2014.

Contact Lisa Artigue

Local News:

Garrard County MRC Unit 1356 deploys

Submitted by John Dixon

The Garrard County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) deployed two MRC Medical personnel and the MRC Director, to the Buena Vista Baptist Church, in support of a county wide free health clinic on September 21, 2013. The two nurses, Renee Davis and Keri Noe, conducted medical screening at the clinic. The Director participated as an observer.

The clinic offered free medical, dental, chiropractic and vision screening as well as haircuts, a hot meal, groceries and other community needs. The clinic served 297 individual in 100 families.



Pictured above - Cake recognizing Ashland-Boyd County MRC's 10 years of service

Pictured left – Wheel of Fortune prizes and spin wheel

Ashland-Boyd County-Catlettsburg MRC Celebrates 10 years at Annual Family Preparedness Game Night

Submitted by Kristy Bolen

On September 19th the Ashland-Boyd County-Catlettsburg (ABC) MRC celebrated its 10th anniversary at the unit's annual Preparedness Family Game Night. The unit was officially formed on September 30, 2003 as a joint partnership between the Ashland-Boyd County Health Department and the Boyd County Office of Emergency Management. Over the last ten years the unit has averaged 60 members and participated in numerous activities and responses. Eight of the current members have been with the unit since 2003. Those members will be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition dinner in April.

The unit celebrated this achievement at its annual Preparedness Family Game Night. This is easily the most fun meeting of the year and is highly anticipated by volunteers. This year unit members participated in Preparedness Wheel of Fortune, Preparedness Family Feud, Preparedness Plink-O (from the Price is Right) and Preparedness Bingo. Concepts reinforced through the games were: ICS structure, Preparedness Kit Items, Communication Plan concepts, Special Items for Kits and Pet Preparedness. Also discussed were common emergencies in Boyd County. Prizes awarded included: weather radios, blankets, 3-day preparedness kits and multi-purpose tools.

Green River District MRC

Submitted by Margaret Hibbs

On September 21, 2013 the GRDMRC was offered an opportunity to volunteer in collaboration with the American Red Cross. Owensboro Kentucky sponsored an Air Show along the newly revitalized downtown riverfront. Our local MRC was asked to provide volunteers for the "Cooling Stations" in anticipation of a very hot afternoon. We set our tents up in two separate locations, Smothers Park & English Park. We were able to assist and help the community with a number of medical needs as well to provide water. The MRC served well and continues to serve as a dedicated group helping when called.



Pictured on left:
GRDMRC cooling stations during Air Show

Pictured on right:
GRDMRC members and Jeff Rascoe, MRC Unit leader prepare to assist



Thank You – Stacy Blacketer

Submitted by Heather Walls

Thank you to Stacy Blacketer Mercer/Anderson MRC Unit leader for letting us shoot video of the Firefighter Rehab exercise on October 15th for the MRC recruitment video.

News from the Branch:



Mike Mattox

Mike Mattox, Region 8/9 RPC, Retires November 1

Submitted by Kim Yazell

Congratulations to Mike Mattox, Region 8/9 RPC who retired November 1. Mike was one of the "original" folks in preparedness. He spent 10 years working in Preparedness at the local and the state level. He will be greatly missed by the Gateway District Health Department, his partners in Region 8/9, his RPC counterparts and the Preparedness Branch as a whole.

Mike is one of the first people I met in Preparedness. He was always willing to help by providing guidance, assisting with training, working in the DOC or anything we needed done.

Mike said it was a hard decision to retire. He loves Preparedness and said it was a great job partly because of all the people he got me meet and work with.

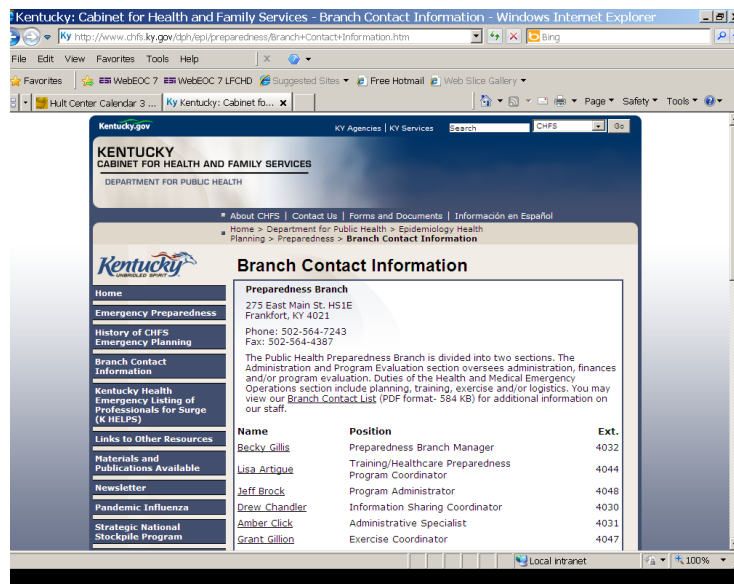
Mike was offered the perfect retirement job which helped make his decision a little easier. Mike will be an assistant baseball coach at a local high school.

Congratulations Mike. You will be missed.

Preparedness Website Undergoing User Friendly Renovations

Submitted by Amber Click

The preparedness website located at: www.chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/preparedness is going through a lot of changes to become a user-friendly tool for the public. The website will highlight our programs and family preparedness topics. Currently, new pages include an online version of *Preparedness at a Glance*, a Preparedness News page, and preparedness branch contact information. The Preparedness News page is going to highlight LHD preparedness success stories, highlighted MRC events, and Local News stories from the newsletter. We are hoping to have at least 6 stories highlighted under the Preparedness News tab. If you would like your preparedness stories featured please submit them to Kim Yazell for Newsletter consideration. If you have any question about the website please contact Amber Click.



Preparedness Branch Mobilized DOC

On October 23 the Preparedness Branch and several ESF8 partners mobilized the Department Operations Center (DOC) to the new state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to participate in a statewide hospital exercise conducted by Kentucky Emergency Management.

The Branch tested their ability to move the DOC to a different location and set up and be prepared to respond. Partners from Health and Human Services (HHS), Kentucky Hospital Association, Long Term Care, KCCRB and KBEMS all participated as part of ESF8 Operations

